

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
Louisiana Bird Records Committee
Report Form

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent) information is accounted for). Attach additional Pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach Xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names:

Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 in first winter male plumage

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

DeSoto Parish, Home of Hubert Hervey @ 203 Hervey Dairy Farm Road, Stonewall, Louisiana 71078

4. Date(s) when observed:

12/28/2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Three times between 11:05 and 11:55 AM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Hubert Hervey

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Patricia Hervey

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

In plain view from kitchen window with late morning light from above. No shade.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss Conquest 10x42 binocular – good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

20 feet, more or less.

12. Duration of Observation:

Seen three separate times for 3-4 minutes per observation.

13. Habitat:

Rural farm home with old growth shrubs and some trees around home. Pastures away from home.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was feeding on Clementine orange halves at a seed/suet/citrus feeding station. It periodically came to the orange halves, fed, and left. Note, bird present at site for approximately 2 weeks. According to Hubert Hervey, it would occasionally consume good quantities of suet. It did not eat suet while I was present.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what “should” have been seen: include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

First winter male. Extensive white marking in wings and prominent white wing bars. Black throat and yellow-orange head, throat, and breast. Large, sharp pointed bill.

16. Voice:

Heard no calls or songs.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Baltimore Oriole, perhaps, but extensive white in wings and black throat plus base yellow-orange plumage are definitive.

18. Photos/Recordings:

Several photos to be sent to LRBC.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Observed several times in the western USA.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide.

b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: ___notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ___notes made after the observation; ___x_ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain.

Yes

23. Signature of reporter ___Jay V. Huner_ 5:45 PM 12/29/2015





